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Serial No. 09/886,064

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WATERMARK EMBEDDING METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Mail Stop Petition

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF ERRONEOUSLY-ISSUED NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

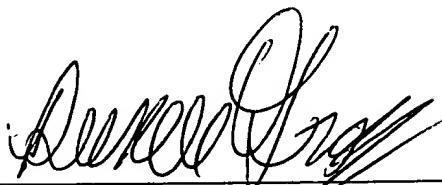
A Notice of Abandonment dated November 17, 2003, has been received stating that the above-identified application has been abandoned through failure to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed August 21, 2001. Applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully submits that such Notice was issued erroneously, since a Response was timely filed (see attached copy of Response with Certificate of Mailing) with the Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2003, and received by the PTO, as is shown by the attached copy of the Postcard Receipt.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and the return of this application to "pending" status.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the number given below.

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